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16 INJURED IN NEW YORK SUBSTATION SHOOTING

At least 16 people were injured on Tuesday at a subway station in New York City during a morning rush hour attack, officials said

SUSPECT FLEES SCENE WEARING GAS MASK

The incident occurred at the 36th Street subway station in Brooklyn's Sunset Park, where authorities found several undetonated devices. The suspect put on a gas mask, deployed a gas canister and began shooting before fleeing. The attack is not being probed as an act of terrorism but nothing has been ruled out, NYPD Commissioner Keechant Sewell said

FIVE SHOOTING VICTIMS SERIOUSLY HURT

Five of the shooting victims were seriously wounded, but are expected to survive, US media said. The nature of injuries varied from gunshot wounds to smoke inhalation
The violence comes as New York City has faced a spate of shootings and high-profile attacks in recent months | PTI

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SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN NEW YORK IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR

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SC tells BDA to allot 150 acres to EWS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has been ordered by the Supreme Court to earmark 150 acres of land in Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout to the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited to cater to economically weaker sections (EWS), said Justice AV Chandrasekhar, chairman of the SC-appointed committee, on Tuesday. The authority is proposed to build at least 15,000 flats with a dimension of 500 sqft each.

The committee has been set up to identify lawful constructions in the layout to regularise them. Following the recommendations of the committee, the apex court has regularised 1,475 buildings that have come up in 17 villages from 2014 to 2018. PT



Snaking queues for fuel in Colombo | AFP

Rajapaksas face 'Lanka spring' heat

DILRUKSHI HANUNNETTI @ Colombo

FOR many days, despite ongoing protests in various parts of the island calling for the resignation of Gotabaya Rajapaksa and a change in the political system, the Rajapaksas maintained stoic silence. There had been no explanation for the economic morass, plans to contain the situation to avert further economic decline or a simple apology as Sri Lankans continue to face their biggest economic crisis since independence. The queues are long, tempers short, and essentials are becoming scarce by the day.

Despite the silence, the past week saw some dramatic moments, including a spate of invalid resignations by government ministers, the exit of Basil Rajapaksa as finance minister and Ajith Nivard Cabraal from the post of Central Bank's governor, two men faulted by the people for causing "system collapse" through corruption and mismanagement of the island economy. As public despair grows, so does resentment towards the ruling family. CONTINUED ON: PTI

MATCHES	APR 11	APR 12
Reserves	861	796
Reserves	929	946
Deaths	0	0

KARNATAKA	APR 11	APR 12
Reserves	34	48
Reserves	29	26
Deaths	0	0

Govt in fix as contractor blames KSE, ends life

RDPR minister refuses to quit, CM says any decision after probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

PUTTING the state government and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister KS Eshwarappa in a tight spot, a civil contractor from Belagavi committed suicide in Udupi on Tuesday, alleging that the minister was directly responsible for his extreme step.

The contractor, Santosh Patil, had on March 11 written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, stating, "I would have no other option but to commit suicide if bills and work orders are not released."

Patil had said that he had completed 108 road works worth Rs 4 crore in Hindalga panchayat limits in Belagavi after taking permission from Eshwarappa directly. Eventually, the RDPR Department and Eshwarappa's associates refused to help him get the work orders or the bills paid, he had alleged.

As the demand for his resignation grew, Eshwarappa refused to step down. The minister, who was in Mysuru attending a party programme, said, "During a TV interview, Santosh Patil had made allegations that I and my supporters had demanded a 40 percent bribe for getting a contract. Patil had stated that he had given a complaint against me to Modi, Home minister Amit Shah and other Central ministers. I had filed a defamation case against Patil."



RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa (left) and contractor Santosh Patil

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Eshwarappa said, "I spoke to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on the issue. He told me not to worry. He said he will collect all details from the police and order a proper inquiry. I personally requested the CM to get the investigation done soon, as false messages are being spread against me." CONTINUED ON: P4

'Santosh was not given work order'

BALA CHAUHAN AND NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Bengaluru/ Belagavi

ON the heels of the demise of contractor and BJP leader Santosh Patil, who reportedly died by suicide in a private lodge in Udupi on Tuesday, informed sources told TNIE that the village road in Hindalga, for which Patil was reportedly seeking payment, was allegedly built "without any sanction order from the government".

In February, president of Hindalga GP in Belagavi had written to the RDPR department asking for the work order and payment for the village road that was built. "The officials went through the files and to their surprise, found that no such sanction was given for road construction in Hindalga village," added sources.

Santosh's friends concur that he had taken up road works without a work order, as he had been assured that it would be given later. CONTINUED ON: P4

Nimhans part of largest brain study

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THIS could be the holy grail for neuroscientists in mapping and understanding the human brain through its life span. A team of researchers from across six continents has created a series of brain charts - the largest ever dataset, spanning the entire human lifespan from a 15-week-old-fetus to 100-year old-

adult - that show how human brains expand rapidly in early life and slowly shrink as people age.

The study published in 'Nature', world's leading British multidisciplinary weekly science journal, is the pioneer study to map the human brain growth curves, and has contributions from international researchers, including Indian researchers. PT

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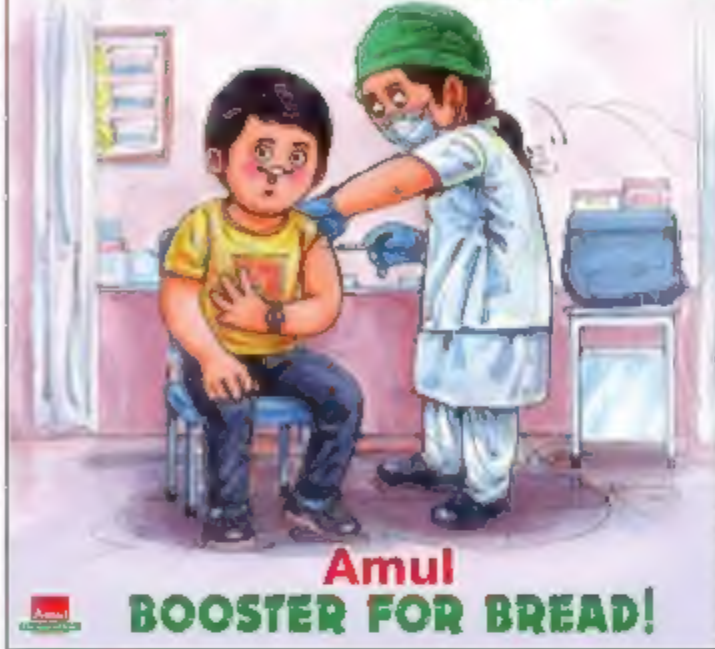
EXPRESS READ India can supply food stocks to world: PM

Ahmedabad: Prime Minister on Tuesday said that during his talk with US President Joe Biden, he offered to supply India's food stock to the world if the WTO gives permission. Food stocks in different parts of the world are dwindling due to the Russia-Ukraine war, he added.

Students can pursue two degrees now

New Delhi: The UGC on Tuesday announced that students will now be able to simultaneously pursue two full time academic programmes, which will help expand their knowledge and skill-set. This provides flexibility to a student to pursue any combination of degrees. PT

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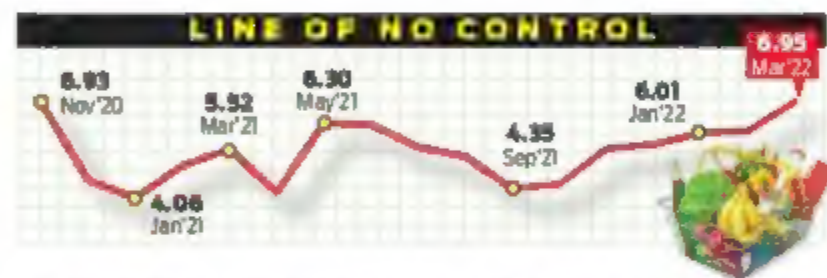


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Retail inflation at 17-month high

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

RETAIL inflation soared to a 17-month high of 6.95% in March with the prices of most commodities soaring, data published by the National Statistical Office showed on Tuesday. It is the third straight month when the inflation remained above the Reserve Bank of India's comfort zone of 6%. Retail inflation, measured by Consumer Price Index (CPI), was 6.07% in February and 6.01% in January. The CPI inflation was 5.52% in March 2021.



The surge in March retail inflation was driven mainly by costly food items, which registered a 7.7% growth compared to 5.9% in February. Vegetables prices rose 11.6%, edible oils 18.8%, meat and fish by 9.6% and cereals by 4.9% during the month under review.

Inflation in the 'fuel and light' category, however, grew at a slower pace of 7.5% in March (compared to 8.7% in February) as most of the price hikes in petrol, diesel and LPG happened in the later part of the month.

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